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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the amendment filed on October 13, 2005.'

Claims 3, 5-6, 8-10, 12-22, 25, 35-37, 40-42, 45-47, 50-52, 55, 60-62, 65, 70 and 78-86 are pending in this application.

Election/Restrictions

The elected invention of Group I, claims 78, 8-10 and 83-86 are under consideration. Claims 3, 5-6, 12-22, 25, 35-37, 40-42, 45-47, 50-52, 55, 60-62, 65, 70 and 79-82 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Withdrawn Rejections/Objections:

Applicant is notified that any outstanding rejection/objection that is not expressly maintained in this office action has been withdrawn or rendered moot in view of applicant's amendments and/or remarks.

The following rejections are maintained:

Claims 78, 8-10 and 82-86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lohray et al., WO 99/20614 in view of Claussner et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,646,172. The reasons provided in the previous office action are incorporated here by reference.

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they were not deemed to be persuasive. Applicant argues that 'the references do not suggest modifying the free acid of

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Example 29 or the sodium salt of Example 30 in the direction of the present claims 78 and 83-86'. This is not found to be persuasive because the primary reference, Lohray (WO'614) teaches the compounds of formula (I) and the corresponding pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, including salts of the carboxylic acid moiety formed by organic bases such as lysine, guanidine, etc. The secondary reference Claussner in the analogous art of pharmaceutical compounds teaches the equivalency of various organic bases that are used in forming pharmaceutically acceptable salts of a given carboxylic acid. The secondary reference is introduced merely to show that one skilled in the art would have been motivated to select any of the organic bases including those of the instant claims, to form the pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the instant claims.

Next, applicant cites MPEP § 2143.01 and argues that 'the prior art must suggest the desirability of the claimed invention'. However, the primary reference, Lohray, clearly teaches the free form of the instantly claimed compounds and further, suggests various salt forms of the disclosed compounds. Thus, the primary reference provides sufficient motivation to one of ordinary skill in the art to prepare any of the salt forms of the disclosed compound, including those of instant claims. The secondary reference lists various forms of the salts those prepared from organic bases, which include the salt forms of the instant claims. Therefore, the prior art as a whole suggests salts of organic bases and thus provides motivation to combine the teachings of the references and prepare the instantly claimed compounds with the reasonable expectation of obtaining compounds having the same therapeutic activity as disclosed for the free acid form of the compound. Contrary to applicant's arguments, the primary reference teaches the free acid form of the claimed compound (Example 29) and clearly suggests to one of ordinary skill that

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other types of pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the free acids may be prepared which include alkali metal salts (like Na, etc.) and salts of organic bases (such as lysine, arginine, guanidine, etc.). The secondary reference teaches an expanded list of organic bases and thus, it is established that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to use any of the listed organic bases to form the salts.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Deepak Rao whose telephone number is (571) 272-0672. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson, can be reached at (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims pending in the application are 3,5,6,8-10,12-22,25,35-37,40-42,45-47,50-52,55,60-62,65,70 and 78-86.

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims withdrawn from consideration are 3,5,6,12-22,25,35-37,40-42,45-47,50-52,55,60-62,65,70 and 79-82.